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In the Application of:

Timothy Y. Chow, et al.

U.S. Serial No.: 09/929,210 ✓

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**ENCLOSURES**

Enclosed are the following:

An Information Disclosure Statement and a completed PTO form 1449 (modified).

A copy of each printed or patented reference listed in the enclosed form 1449 and not previously provided to or by the PTO in this application. Three (3) references are enclosed.

**FEE DETERMINATION**

No fee is believed to be due because:

The applicants believe that this statement and enclosures are being filed before the first Office action on the merits has been mailed by the PTO. The basis of this belief is

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### **FEE PAYMENT**

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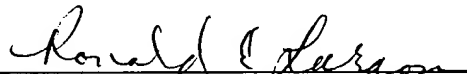
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### **REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION**

This paper and enclosures are believed to be entitled to consideration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, based on the facts stated above. The Examiner is required to initial both copies of the enclosed PTO-1449 (modified) and return one copy to the applicant(s) to indicate consideration of the enclosed references.

Respectfully submitted,

April 22, 2002  
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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that the following references be considered in the examination of the above-identified patent application:

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5,544,151	08/06/96	Baek et al.
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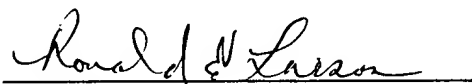
Synchronous Optical Network (SONET)—Automatic Protection Switching, ANSI® T1.105.01-1998, *Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions*, Approved April 23, 1998, American National Standards Institute, Inc.

The above-identified reference(s) are listed on the attached PTO Form 1449, and copies are also enclosed herewith.

This submission is in no way intended as an admission that the above-cited references constitute prior art under any subsection of 35 U.S.C. § 102. Applicant expressly retains the right to take any actions necessary to remove the above-cited references from the available prior art.

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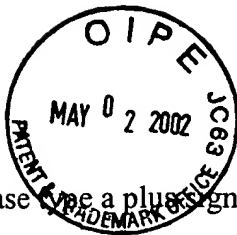


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